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# economy

## NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

2004–05 2005–06

### Chain volume GDP and related measures<sup>1</sup>

GDP	\$m	896 568	921 747
GDP	% change	2.7	2.8
GDP per capita	% change	1.5	1.5
Real net national disposable income <sup>1</sup>	% change	3.7	4.4
Multifactor Productivity – Market sector <sup>2</sup>	% change	-1.1	0.0

<sup>1</sup>Reference year for chain volume measures is 2004–05.

<sup>2</sup>Gross domestic product per combined unit of labour and capital.

Hours worked basis.

### Average annual growth in volume GDP<sup>1</sup> 1997 to 2006

Australia	3.5	Japan	1.0
Canada	3.4	New Zealand	3.2
France	2.2	United Kingdom	2.8
Germany	1.5	United States of America	3.1
Italy	1.4		

<sup>1</sup>Based on real gross domestic product for all countries other than Japan which is based on real gross national product.

Source: OECD, Quarterly National Accounts, vol. 2007/1.

## CONSUMER PRICE & OTHER PRICE INDEXES<sup>1</sup>

	2004–05	2005–06	2006–07
CPI, all groups	147.0	151.7	156.1
Stage of production – final <sup>2</sup>	116.1	120.4	124.2
Export	116.4	136.0	146.8
Import	112.8	117.0	115.7
Output of general construction <sup>2</sup>	130.2	136.5	142.3
Articles produced by manufacturing	139.3	149.4	156.4
Transport (freight) and storage <sup>2</sup>	111.2	115.9	118.6
Property and business services <sup>2</sup>	120.3	125.6	133.3

<sup>1</sup>Unless otherwise specified, reference base year is 1989–90 = 100.0.

<sup>2</sup>Reference base year is 1998–99 = 100.0.

## INTERNATIONAL MERCHANTISE TRADE

	2005–06	2006–07
	\$m	\$m
Total exports	152 492	168 188
Total imports	167 503	180 763
	2006–07	2006–07
	Exports	Imports
Major merchandise commodities	\$m	\$m
Food and live animals	18 823	6 926
Beverages and tobacco	3 180	1 356
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	41 305	2 442
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	38 885	22 132
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	360	531
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	7 417	19 882
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	18 643	20 917
Machinery and transport equipment	13 043	76 783
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4 926	24 201

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

	2005–06	2006–07
	\$m	\$m
Total exports of services	41 849	46 233
Freight	608	617
Other transport	7 600	8 146
Travel	22 624	25 220
Other services	11 017	12 250
Total imports of services	41 078	44 476
Freight	7 776	8 044
Other transport	6 732	7 511
Travel	15 090	15 947
Other services	11 480	12 974

## BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

	2005–06	2006–07
	\$m	\$m
Goods and services deficit	14 520	12 033
Income deficit	38 887	46 712
Current account deficit	53 884	59 189

## INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION

	2006	2007
	\$m	\$m
Foreign investment in Australia	1 320 776	1 565 715
Australian investment abroad	768 206	923 276
Net foreign debt liability at 30 June	500 779	544 075
	2005–06	2006–07
	%	%
Net foreign equity to GDP	5.4	9.6
Net foreign debt liability to GDP	51.8	53.1

## FINANCE

	2005–06
	\$m
All Australian Governments, general government	
Revenue	363 701
Expenses	334 560
Tax levied on income of individuals/enterprises	176 194
Tax levied on provision of goods and services	75 994
	2007
Financial institutions, financial assets 30 June	\$m
Banks	1 653 523
Life insurance corporations	254 290
Pension funds	1 072 545
Other insurance corporations	129 527
Central borrowing authorities	127 472
Financial intermediaries n.e.c.	627 925
	2006–07
Financial institutions, lending commitments	\$m
Housing finance	173 749
Personal finance	80 061
Commercial finance	453 780
Lease finance	6 325

## people

### DEMOGRAPHY

	2004 '000	2005 '000	2006 '000
Population at 30 June <sup>1</sup>	20 140	20 409	20 701
Births	254	260	266
Deaths	133	131	134
	2004–05 '000	2005–06 '000	
Permanent and long-term arrivals		431	458
Permanent and long-term departures		307	324

### POPULATION<sup>1</sup>

State/territory	Area sq km	30 June 2006		
		'000	Capital city <sup>2</sup>	'000
NSW	801 315	6 817	Sydney	4 284
Vic.	227 415	5 128	Melbourne	3 744
Qld	1 734 174	4 092	Brisbane	1 820
SA	985 338	1 568	Adelaide	1 146
WA	2 531 563	2 059	Perth	1 520
Tas.	67 914	490	Hobart	206
NT	1 352 176	211	Darwin	114
ACT	2 352	334	Canberra	334
Aust. <sup>3</sup>	7 702 466	20 701		

<sup>1</sup>Estimated resident population.

<sup>2</sup>Capital City Statistical Division.

<sup>3</sup>Includes Other Territories.

### POPULATION OF SELECTED COUNTRIES

	million		2006 million
Australia	20.7	Japan	128.0
Canada	32.6	New Zealand	4.1
China	1 320.9	Papua New Guinea	6.2
India	1 151.8	United Kingdom	60.5
Indonesia	228.9	United States of America	302.8

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE<sup>1</sup>

			2005
	%		%
Australia	5.1	New Zealand	3.7
Canada	6.8	United Kingdom	4.8
Japan	4.4	United States of America	5.1

<sup>1</sup>Standardised using ILO/OECD definition.

## LABOUR MARKET

		2005–06	2006–07
<b>Annual averages</b>			
Employed persons	'000	10 064	10 335
Unemployed persons	'000	527	489
Unemployment rate	%	5.0	4.5
Average weekly actual hours worked by full-time employed persons	hours	40.0	39.4
		2006	2007
Job vacancies, May	'000	152.0	166.5
Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees, May	\$	1088.30	1136.10

## EDUCATION PARTICIPATION

	2005	2006
	'000	'000
Government school students FTE <sup>1</sup>	2 269	2 271
Non-government school students FTE <sup>1</sup>	1 104	1 122
VET students – NCVER	1 651	1 676
Higher education students – DEST	957	984

<sup>1</sup>Full-time students plus full-time equivalent of part-time students.

Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER); Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST).

## HEALTH EXPENDITURE

	2004–05	2005–06
	%	%
Total expenditure to GDP	9.1	9.0

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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## industry

### PRODUCTION AND GDP<sup>1,2</sup>

	1995–96	2005–06
	\$m	\$m
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	20 455	28 151
Mining	38 275	45 000
Manufacturing	82 366	96 012
Electricity, gas and water supply	18 271	20 549
Construction	34 829	61 644
Wholesale trade	30 919	44 886
Retail trade	35 891	53 242
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	13 177	20 204
Transport and storage	28 686	42 037
Communication services	13 700	25 331
Finance and insurance	44 142	65 883
Property and business services <sup>3</sup>	65 735	108 434
Government administration and defence	28 069	35 195
Education	31 732	38 556
Health and community services	37 266	55 455
Cultural and recreational services	9 209	13 506
Personal and other services	12 455	17 686
 Gross domestic product	 647 660	 921 747

<sup>1</sup>Industry gross value added at basic prices.

<sup>2</sup>Volume measures, reference year is 2004–05.

<sup>3</sup>Excludes ownership of dwellings.

## AGRICULTURE

	2005–06
	\$m
Gross value of commodities produced	37 334
 Crops	 19 551
Livestock slaughterings etc.	11 966
Livestock products	5 817

BUILDING WORK DONE <sup>1</sup>		
	2004–05	2005–06
	\$m	\$m
New houses	21 237	20 852
Other new residential building	11 600	10 253
Alterations and additions	5 915	5 693
Non-residential building	19 848	22 094

<sup>1</sup>Volume measures, reference year is 2004–05.

RETAIL TURNOVER <sup>1</sup>		
	2005–06	2006–07
	\$m	\$m
Food retailing	82 334	84 495
Department stores	16 305	16 821
Clothing and soft good retailing	14 002	14 935
Hospitality and services	31 689	34 755
Other retailing	61 760	63 273

<sup>1</sup>Volume measures, reference year is 2004–05.

TOURISM		
	2005	2006
Major source countries of short-term visitor arrivals	'000	'000
New Zealand	1 099	1 076
United Kingdom	709	734
Japan	685	651
United States of America	446	456
Short-term international visitor arrivals	5 499	5 532
Australians travelling abroad (number of departures)	4 725	4 899

REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES		
	2005	2006
	'000	'000
Passenger vehicles	10 937	11 230
Light commercial vehicles, trucks, non-freight carrying trucks and buses	2 561	2 665
Motor cycles	422	463

# environment

Australia comprises a land area of almost 7.7 million square kilometres. This land area is almost as great as that of the United States of America (excluding Alaska), about 50% greater than Europe (excluding the former USSR), and 32 times greater than the United Kingdom. The longest river is the Murray River (2,520 kilometres), which forms a natural border between New South Wales and Victoria. The highest mountain is Mt Kosciuszko, (2,228 metres) which is situated in New South Wales.



## CLIMATE

	Mean annual rainfall mm	Mean daily temperature			
		January		July	
		Max °C	Min °C	Max °C	Min °C
Sydney	1 276.5	26.1	19.4	17.2	8.6
Melbourne	654.4	25.8	15.4	13.9	6.8
Brisbane	1 194.0	29.2	21.2	20.6	9.5
Adelaide	563.0	28.7	16.8	15.2	7.4
Perth	745.3	31.9	17.2	17.9	8.4
Hobart	576.4	21.8	12.5	12.2	4.7
Darwin	1 847.1	31.8	24.8	30.7	19.4
Canberra	630.0	27.7	13.3	11.5	-0.1

Averages are for the period (1971–2000) except for Adelaide (1977–2000).  
Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

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